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RE: UNITED STATES v. ROBERT C. PISCITELLO

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that ROBERT C. PISCITELLO, 44, of the Town of Tonawanda, pled guilty to filing a false U.S. Income Tax return for the 2003 tax year. Piscitello entered his guilty plea before United States District Judge John T. Elfvin.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul J. Campana said the maximum penalty is three years imprisonment and a fine of \$100,000.00. The prosecutor said Piscitello admitted that from 1999 thru April 2004, he was an employee at International Chemical Corporation. The defendant admitted to using his position as Controller of ICC, and the access he had to its computer system, to transfer funds from the company to a personal account Piscitello had at a bank in Virginia. The prosecutor said that Piscitello admitted to failing to report this money on his federal income tax returns for the tax years 1999 through 2003. The total amount of unreported income for

those five tax years was \$2.3 million. According to the plea agreement, the tax loss was approximately \$648,000.

The guilty plea resulted from an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent In-Charge Peter Ahearn, and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, under the direction of Special Agent In-Charge Anne Marie Coons. Judge Elfvin will impose sentence on April 15, 2005.